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Take Charge of Your Life

Those who hold elective office have the power to affect your life through legislation. They can pass laws which help protect you from discrimination and bashing or they can encourage such behavior. They can provide funding for proper health care for HIV+ people and women with breast cancer, or they can make it more difficult to get care and services. They can pass laws which oppress or protect. What's more, they will definitely be making these types of decisions during their terms in office, which may last up to four years after this election. These candidates have considerable potential to affect your life. By voting, you can have a say in who will be making these decisions and thus influence decisions directly impacting your life as a lesbigay person.

Responding to Unresponsive Candidates

As much as we try to provide candidates with every opportunity to address issues of concern to our community, not all choose to do so. We have often been asked what can be done about such candidates. The most effective action is for constituents to tell the candidates that they are unhappy and insulted that the candidate did not respond to LGLV's questionnaire. You can let them know, for example,that you may not vote for them because they do not believe our issues are important. There are two situations in which communicating this message to candidates seems to have been particularly effective: during campaign events (rallies, debates, etc.) and at the polls, when a candidate shows up to stump for last minute votes. Your comments may elicit a response to LGLV's questionnaire the next time the candidate runs for office.

Using this Guide

The Guide is designed to be used either by itself or in conjunction with information on other issues important to you. It is not a slate, and nothing in the Guide constitutes an endorsement. **Both** ratings **and** written summaries must be used together for a clear evaluation of a candidate; they do not stand alone. They show the strengths and weaknesses of various candidates across the spectrum of lesbigay issues. Sometimes candidates may be equal overall in ratings, but differ on their strengths within the range of lesbigay issues.

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Candidates for whom we had too little information in every category to rate have no entry in a rating table.

Besides providing information about candidates running for various offices, this Guide can also be used to help determine districts where potential candidates supportive of lesbigay civil liberties need to be found and encouraged to run. Indeed, we encourage such use of this information.

Sources of Information

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters obtains information for this guide from various sources: a questionnaire sent to each candidate; voting records; mass media such as *Out!, Planet Q, PGN, Au Courant, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Altoona Mirror, the Erie Times,* newswire services; other civil rights organizations; and various other sources. Although we do everything we can to ensure the accuracy of all information in the Guide, because of the complex nature of data collection, we cannot assume responsibility for inaccuracies in the information presented in the guide, if any exist.

Subjects Covered

We have covered certain areas of general concern for lesbigay people.

Equality: The area of equality concerns issues of discrimination and protection from discrimination. This includes questions such as whether they would hire a qualified, openly lesbigay person or support anti– discrimination legislation.

Violence: This area addresses the problem of hate crimes against lesbigay people... lesbigay bashing. Many points refer to the Hate Crimes Bill, which deals with lesbigay bashing as other hate crimes are dealth with in PA: by providing enhanced penalties for such crimes. LGLV advocates for this bill.

Couples: This area deals with issues such as benefits for, and legal recognition of, same–sex couples, with the primary goal of attaining the legal tools necessary to care for our partners as well as our married heterosexual counterparts can.

Marriage: This catagory is only used at the state government level, and refers specifically to candidate's positions on the legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Benefits: This involves domestic partnership benefits such as health insurance where some lower standard of relationship than marriage may be recognized.

Custody: This subject deals with discrimination in child custody, adoption and foster parenting. Often, lesbigay parents face roadblocks to retaining custody of their children after a divorce simply because of their sexual orientation. Sexual orientation can also be a roadblock to adopting a child or becoming a foster parent because of negative stereotypes of lesbigay people.

AIDS: This topic includes a range of issues dealing with AIDS, including education, treatment and research. Also included are topics such as mandatory

HIV testing and associated social policy issues.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire sent to each candidate covers a range of issues. Different types of questionnaires are sent depending upon the race. The following is a composite of all the types of questionnaires sent:

1. Should government at any level have the right to regulate private consensual adult sexual behavior?
2. Do you support prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in a) employment, b) housing, c) public accommodations, d) education, e) health care, f) federal government programs?
3. Would you hire an openly lesbigay person to your staff?
4. Would you approve a qualified openly lesbigay person to a governmental position?
5. Do you believe a parent's sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody decisions?
6. Do you believe an applicant's sexual orientation should be grounds to deny, or in anyway influence, that person's opportunity to adopt a child or become a foster parent?
7. Do you support the ban against lesbigay people in the military and the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy towards lesbigay service members?
8. Military discharge papers (DD214) for lesbian and gay people indicate the reason for discharge is homosexuality. Do you support removing this notation and any indication of their sexual orientation from DD214 both retroactively and from now on?
9. Do you support legislation which cuts funding to schools which have programs, whether counseling or academic, which have the purpose or effect of presenting homosexuality in a positive light?
10. Do you support the Defense of Marriage Act, which bans federal recognition of same–sex marriages?
11. Do you support the recognition of same–sex marriage? How about a legal equivalent (such as domestic partnerships), for same-sex couples?
12. Do you support amending the current hate crimes statutes to cover hate crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation?
13. Do you support collecting statistics on hate crimes, including those committed because of the victim's sexual orientation?
14. Do you think health or life insurance companies should be allowed to deny insurance or raise rates based upon sexual orientation?
15. Should they offer gay/lesbian couples the opportunity to purchase family health insurance coverage?
16. How much funding would you support overall for AIDS programs in the next fiscal year?
17. What would you change and not change in a) current policies for the care and treatment of People With AIDS (PWAs) (drug approval, home care, medical subsidies, etc.) and b) current policies addressing public and government education on AIDS?
18. Should HIV testing be mandatory? If yes, for whom?
19. Do you support protecting the confidentiality of a person with regard to his or her HIV status?
20. Do you support anonymous HIV testing?
21. Please add any other relevant facts or opinions. Include as much information as you like. Please cite relevant legislation, testimony, or activities, if any, with which you have been involved.
22. What message would you like to send the lesbian and gay voters in Pennsylvania?

Legend

✓✓ - Excellent
✓ - Good
0, ➠ - Neutral
✖✖ - Poor
✖ - Unsatisfactory

NB - No Basis for Evaluation
🐴 - Democrat
🐘 - Republican
R - Reform/Patriot
L - Libertarian

I - Independent*
N - Natural Law
C - Constitutional
S - Socialist†

Strong ties to the Radical Right

* includes many very small third parties and pseudo-parties (created for one candidate)
† includes both the Socialist Workers Party and the Socialist Equality Party

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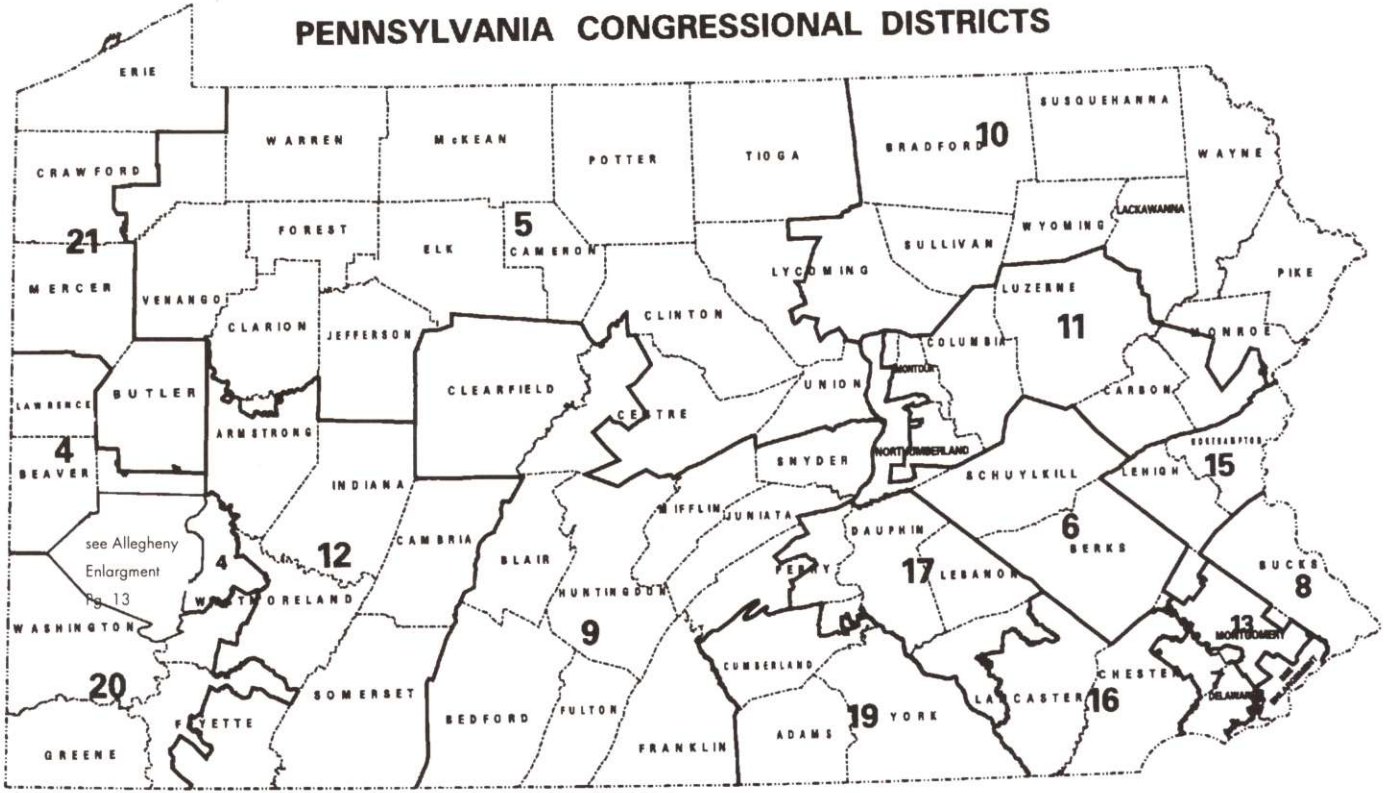

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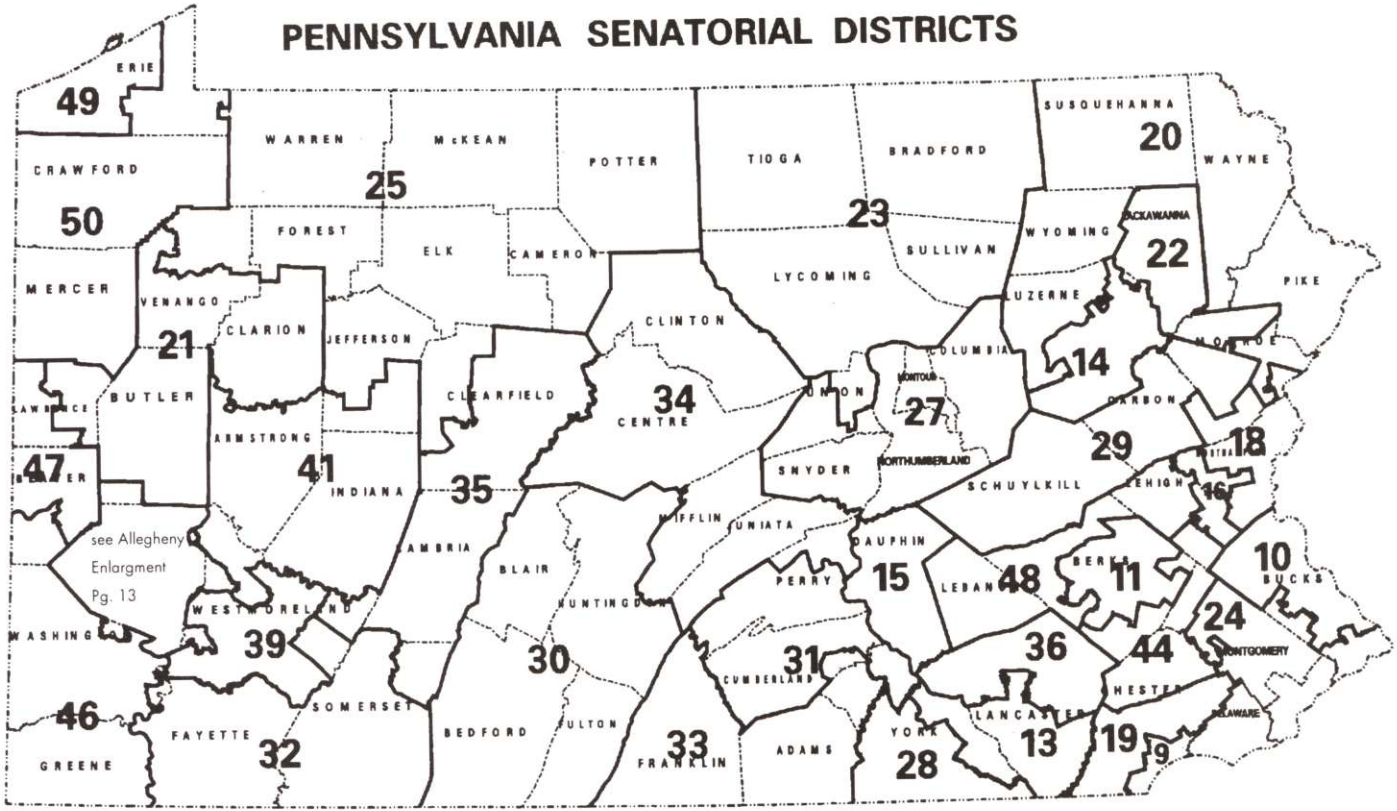

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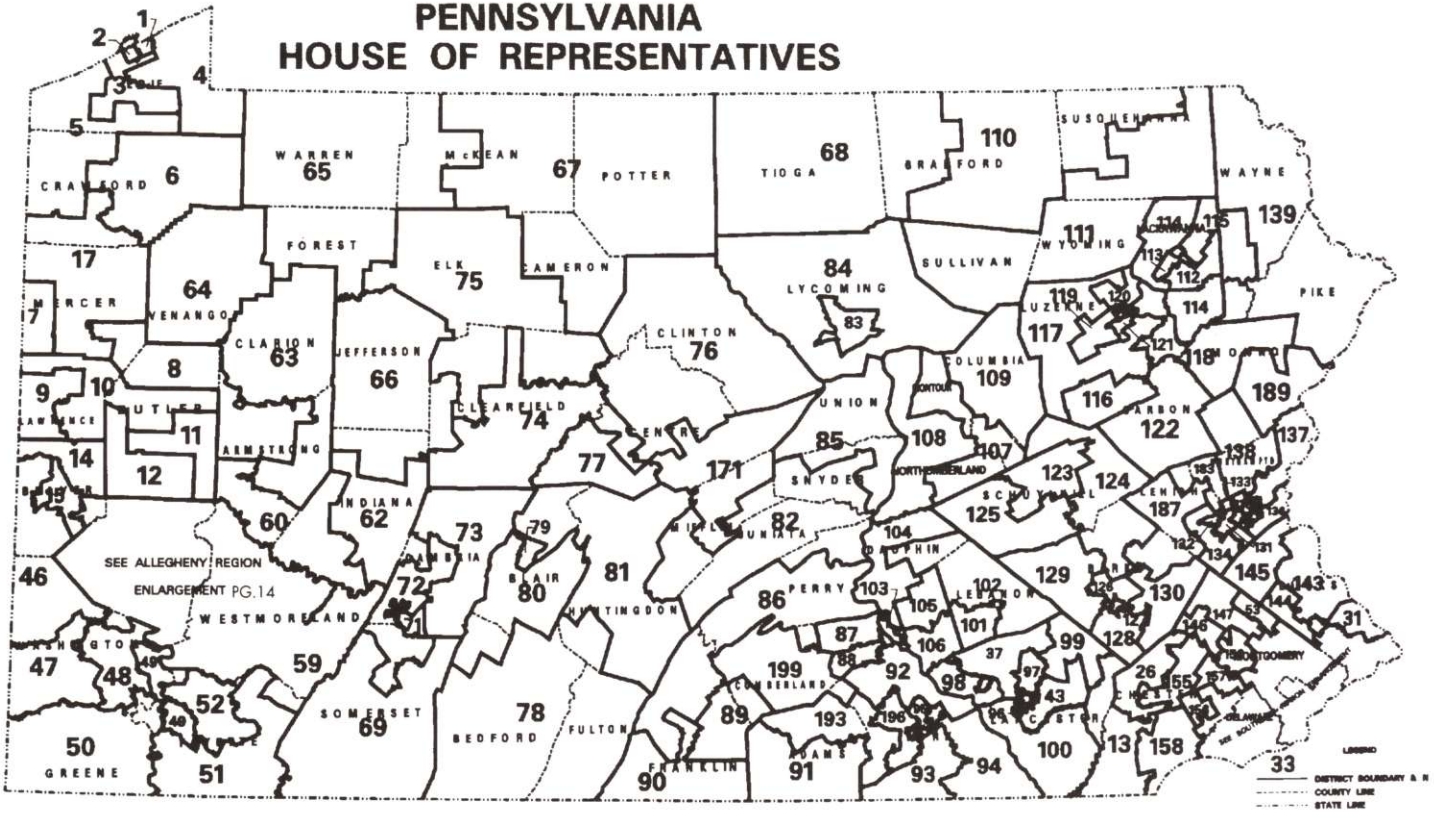

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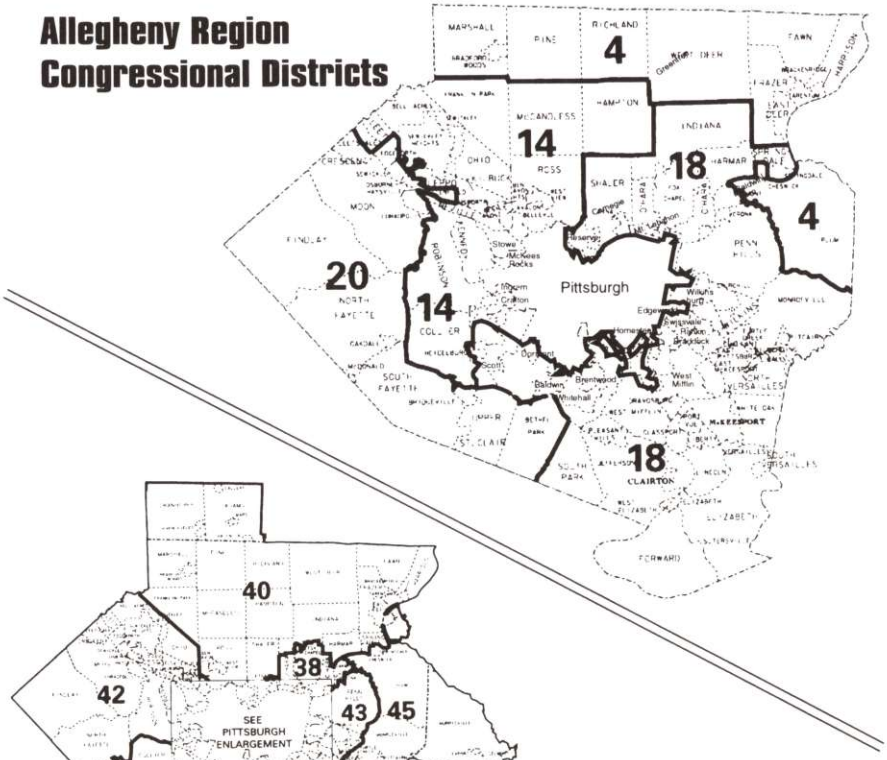

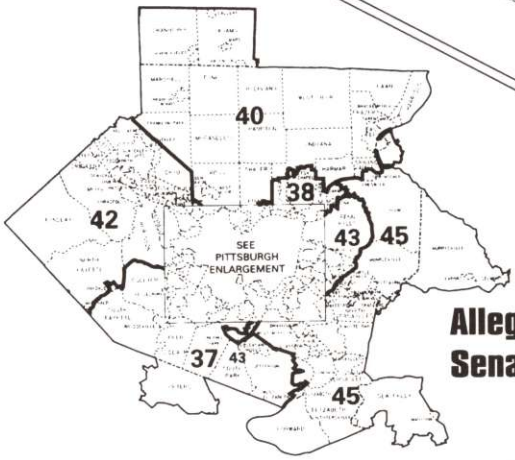

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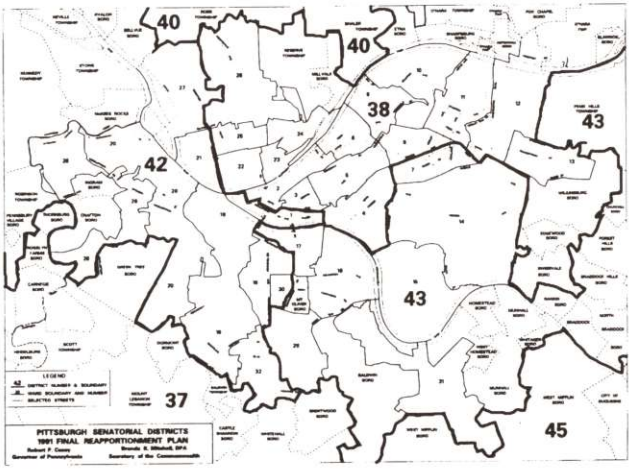

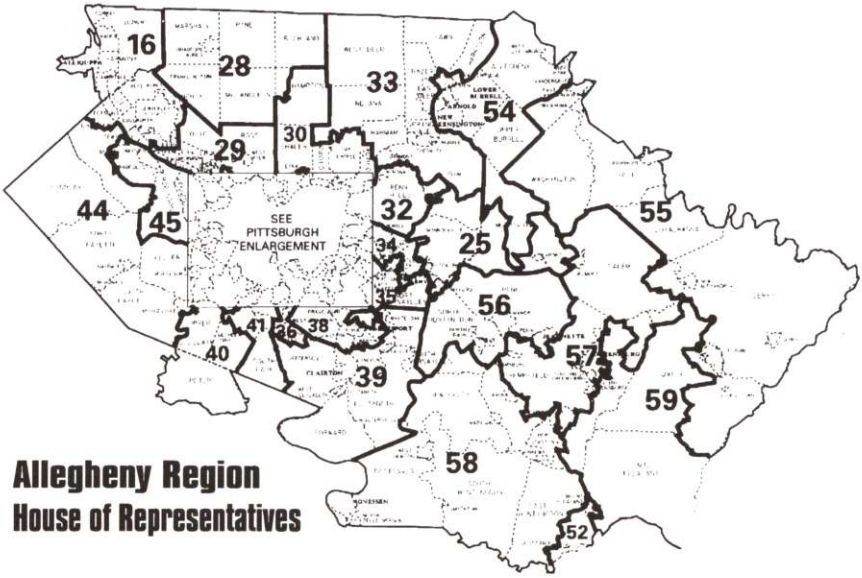

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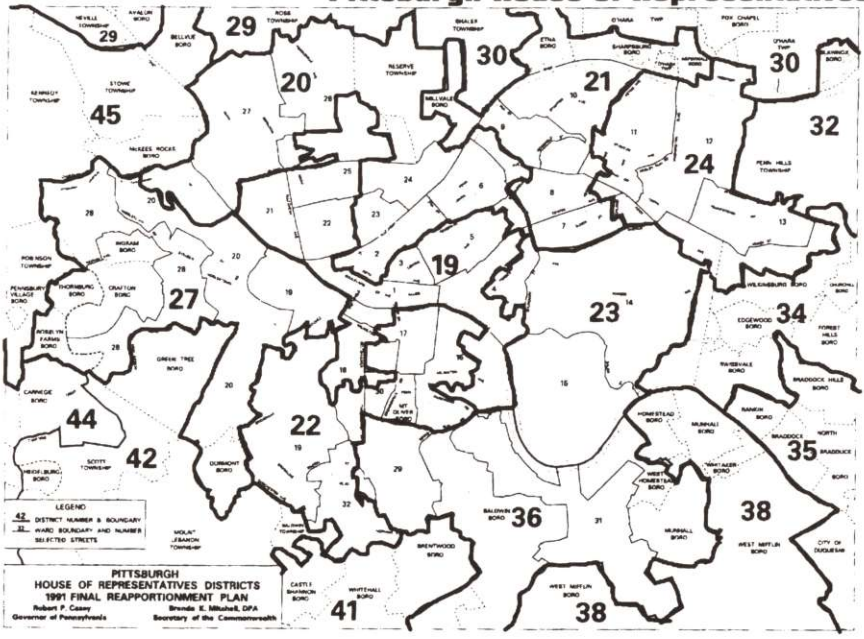

Bill Clinton

- ✓ Issued a directive ordering all federal agencies and department to adopt nondiscrimination policies including sexual orientation. So far are all except the Department of Defense have complied.
- ✓ Endorsed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would bar discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Appointed numerous openly lesbigay people to positions within the administration.
- ✓ Has met directly with lesbigay representatives.
- ✓ Issued an order prohibiting the denial of a security clearance based solely upon the applicant's sexual orientation.
- ✓ Directed the Immigration and Naturalization Service to grant political asylum to those who could prove they had been persecuted in their country because of their sexual orientation.
- ✓ Increased funding for AIDS research and care.
- ✓ Established an office on AIDS policy.
- ✓ Is opposing the requirement, passed by congress in a Defense Department reauthorization bill, to discharge HIV+ members of the armed services. He is backing a bill to repeal this measure.
- ✖ Signed the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA) which prohibits the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages, and allows states to not recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.
- ✖ Backed off on repealing the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✖ Lobbied congress to pass a law codifying the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✖ Refused to allow the Justice Department to file a legal brief against anti-lesbigay ballot measures (specifically, Colorado's Amendment 2, which bans civil rights protections for lesbigay people) in the Supreme Court.
- ✖ Signed a law which, among other things, bars HIV+ immigrants from entering the country.

Bob Dole

- ✓ Has a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.
- ✖ Original cosponsor of the so-call-ed "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA) which prohibits the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages, and allows states to not recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.
- ✖ Voted to deny funds to provide life sustaining medical care specifically to community based organizations that serve the lesbigay community.
- ✖ Voted to bar HIV+ immigrants from entering the country.
- ✖ Voted to repeal the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.
- ✖ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people from the military.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of

encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

✖ Tends to vacillate on the topic of lesbigay equality. For instance, he refused to accept a donation from the Gay Republican Log Cabin Club, then said his campaign was in error for rejecting it. He stated in the New York Times in March 1995 that he opposed discrimination and then retreated from that position the following week in the Washington Times.

Ross Perot **R**

✓ In the past, has indicated support for non–discrimination and hate crime laws based on sexual orientation

✓ Has indicated in the past support for an aggressive AIDS research program.

✖ Has been opposed to lesbigay people in the military

Howard Phillips **C**

✖ When asked if government has a right to regulate private adult consensual behavior, he responded "State and local government have the right and the duty to proscribe conduct which violates common law standards."

✖ "I prefer total exclusion" of lesbigay people from the military.

✖ Does not support any funding ("zero") at all for AIDS programs.

✖ "Homosexuality is an abomination"

✖ "I have actively opposed 'safe sodomy' subsidies"

No data or response – L: Harry Browne; **N**: John Hagelin

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Clinton	✓✓	✖✖	✓	✖	✓	✓✓
Dole	0	✖✖	✓	✖	✖	✖
Phillips	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

Attorney General

Joe Kohn

✓ Would not only implement a nondiscrimination policy in the Attorney General's office, but would actively recruit qualified lesbigay people by advertising in lesbigay newspapers.

✓ Would actively support antidiscrimination legislation, including the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ "I will make civil rights enforcement a priority. I will also fight bias crimes against all groups across the state."

Mike Fisher

✓ Says he will not discriminate in employment practices on the basis of HIV status.

✓ Has indicated he would appoint a qualified, openly lesbigay person to his staff.

✓ As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he voted in favor of SB 701, the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Voted to amend the hate crimes language to the anti-same-sex marriage legislation in Rules Committee

✖ During his 1994 gubernatorial campaign, claimed the lesbigay community was for some reason plotting to take over St. Patrick's Day Parades throughout

Pennsylvania, and that he would protect the state from that. In essence, it appeared to be an attempt to manufacture a "homosexual threat" issue for his campaign.

✖ Opposed same-sex domestic partnership benefits for University of Pittsburgh employees as a trustee to that university.

✖ As senator, voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

➠ "I believe in equal treatment of all individuals, but I do not believe in preferential treatment of any class of group of people."

Timothy Collins L

➠ Would prosecute governmental employees for discrimination on the basis of HIV status, and would prosecute corporations if the local district attorney doesn't do so. However, he would not prosecute a private entity for HIV discrimination because he does not believe he could legally do anything in that case.

➠ "I would only provide AIDS sensitivity training on an as-needed-basis... anyone in the Attorney General's office who has difficulties dealing with a PWA will receive sensitivity training."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Violence	AIDS
Collins	✓	0	✓
Kohn	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
Fisher	0	✓✓	✓

Auditor General

Bob Nyce

✓ "I would consider any qualified candidate to fill an appointed staff position. I do not discriminate in the employment of any person, nor would I."

✖ As a state legislator, cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law.

Sharon Shepps L

✓ Would establish a policy of not discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. "I would then issue a press release indicating the department's approach, and stating that it is my hope that all departments adopt such a policy."

➠ "Lesbian and gay voters have been deserted by both of the major parties. The Republicans have acted in near– contempt for same–sex marriage... despite their claims to be the party of limited government. But the Democrats' rejection of the same issue, along with the poor 'don't ask, don't tell' compromise, indicates that the Democrats are more interested in playing politics than in fairness, equality and bringing about positive change...

"Some worry that a vote for a third party is a wasted vote. I believe that the only wasted vote is a vote for something you don't believe in. It is time for all people to vote their conscience..."

No data or response – : Bob Casey, Jr.; **C**: Robert Lord

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality
Nyce	✓
Shepps	✓✓

State Treasurer

Mina Baker Knoll

✓ Would establish a nondiscrimination policy in the State Treasurer's Office.

Barbara Hafer

✓ "My Department of Auditor General currently has a policy of nondiscrimination. I will implement the same policy in the State Treasurer's office."

✓ "Throughout my career, I have been a staunch advocate of nondiscrimination, not just on the basis of sexual orientation, but also on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, religion, physical disability, age, size, marital status and gender."

✓ First woman ever elected as Allegheny County Commissioner, and first Republican woman ever elected to a statewide office. "I know what's it's like to break down barriers and overcome discrimination. As State Treasurer, I will continue to be a strong advocate for equal rights for all Pennsylvanians."

John Famularo L

➡ "It is not the province of the government to promote or disparage any life-style or private consensual activity."

No data or response – C: Dean Snyder

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality
Famularo	✓
Hafer	✓✓
Knoll	✓

US Congress - District 4

Ron Klink

✓ Voted against automatic discharge for military personnel who are HIV+.

✓ Voted to retain the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.

✓ Voted to maintain federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.

✓ Voted to increase funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.

✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.

✖ Declined to issue a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.

✖ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people from the military.

✖ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

No data or response – : Paul Adametz

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Klink	✖✖	✖	✓	✖	✖✖	✓

US Congress - District 5

Ruth Rudy

✓ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bills as a state legislator.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

John Peterson

✓ Introduced Pennsylvania's HIV Confidentiality Act as a state senator, and is largely responsible for removing harmful amendments added by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to the original bill.

✓ Introduced and supported other programs which are helpful to PWAs and others with disabilities, such as home care, hospice, and health insurance assistance.

✖ Cosponsored a bill to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Peterson	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB	✓✓
Rudy	NB	✖	✓	NB	NB	NB

US Congress - District 9

Bud Shuster

✓ Voted against requiring military recruiters to inquire about sexual orientation of new recruits

✖ Voted to repeal the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.

✖ Declined to issue a written non-discrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.

✖ Voted against the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.

✖ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people from the military.

✖ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.

✖ Voted to eliminate federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.

✖ Voted against increasing funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.

✖ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs where "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.

No data or response – : Monte Kemmler

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS
Shuster	✖✖	✖✖	✓	✖	✖✖

US Congress - District 10

Joseph McDade

- ✓ Voted to restore $36 million already in the pipeline for people living with HIV/AIDS in a House Appropriations Committee vote.
- ✓ Voted against the codification of the military ban against lesbigay people.
- ✖ Voted to eliminate federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.
- ✖ Declined to issue a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.
- ✖ Voted to automatically discharge HIV+ military personnel.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✖ Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.

Thomas McLaughlin R

- ✓ Would cosponsor the Employment Non–Discrimination Act.
- ✓ Supports federal recognition of same-sex marriages.
- ➡ Opposes banning lesbigay people from the military, but supports the "Don't ask, Don't Tell" policy.

No data or response – : Joe Cullen

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
McDade	✖	NB	✓	✓	✖	0
McLaughlin	✓	✓	0	0	0	NB

US Congress - District 12

John Murtha

- ✓ Voted to restore $36 million already in the pipeline for people living with HIV/AIDS in a House Appropriations Committee vote.
- ✓ Voted against requiring military recruiters to inquire about sexual orientation of new recruits.
- ✓ Voted to maintain federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.
- ✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.
- ✖ Voted for the codification of the military ban against lesbigay people.
- ✖ Declined to issue a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.
- ✖ Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ➡ Has voted in support of discharging HIV+ military personnel in the past, but recent personal letter claims inclination to treat such service members "in the

same way, and under the same policies, as other members of the military with disease... these individuals have served their Country and we want to make sure they're treated fairly."

Bill Choby

- ✖ In response to follow up call by LGLV, said "I'm not interested in participating. I'm not interested in participating."
- ✖ In private dental practice, preyed upon irrational public fears by running print advertisements stating: "Only area dentist tested free of the AIDS virus."
- ✖ Attended candidate school at the anti–lesbigay, radical right–wing Free Congress Foundation.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS
Choby	✖✖	NB	NB	NB	✖✖
Murtha	✖	✖	✓	✖	✖

US Congress - District 14

Bill Coyne

- ✓ Original cosponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill repealing the policy of discharging HIV+ military personnel.
- ✓ Voted against the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.
- ✓ "I support the efforts of many members of the [National] Commission on AIDS to speak out forcefully regarding their views on the proper role of the federal government in combating AIDS."
- ✓ I believe that the FDA... should develop and implement policies to accelerate further the testing and approval of drugs which could offer medical benefits to people with AIDS."
- ✓ "I believe our country also needs a national health care policy which meets the needs of all individuals with catastrophic or terminal illnesses."
- ✓ Has a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.
- ✓ Voted to maintain federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.
- ✓ Voted to increase funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.
- ✓ Voted to retain the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.
- ➡ "I believe the federal government should impose no barriers to the recognition of partnerships between two adults."
- ➡ "I would have preferred a policy that explicitly prohibited discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the Armed Forces. But barring the adoption of such a policy, and given the political constraints facing the administration, I support a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

No data or response – 🐘: Bill Ravotti; **S**: Paul Scherrer

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Coyne	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓

US Congress - District 17

George Gekas 🐘

- ✖ Declined to issue a written non-discrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.
- ✖ Voted to repeal the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.
- ✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognitionof same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.
- ✖ Voted against maintaining federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.
- ✖ Voted against increasing funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✖ Voted to prohibit immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.
- ✖ Has actively supported religious political extremist candidates at the state level
- ✖ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military
- ✖ Sought to remove sexual orientation from the of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

No data or response – 🐴: Paul Kettle

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Gekas	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

US Congress - District 18

Mike Doyle 🐴

- ✓ Has a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.
- ✓ Voted to retain the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.
- ✓ Voted to increase funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.
- ✖ Voted to eliminate federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.
- ✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.

David Fawcett 🐘

- ✓ "Education is extremely important to create awareness of the size and scope of this problem [AIDS] and to promote prevention of AIDS. I do not believe censorship has any place in education regarding this catastrophic disease."
- ✓ "There is no place in the political process for 'gay-bashing' or discriminating

against people based upon their sexual orientation. I would speak out against the name calling that is becoming more common. I would work vigorously on the fight against AIDS, and I would vocally support groups and organizations that are addressing the tragic problems inflicted by this epidemic."

No data or response – I: Richard Edward Caligiuri; **N**: Ralph Emmerich

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Doyle	0	✖	NB	NB	NB	0
Fawcett	0	✖	✖	✓	0	✓✓

US Congress - District 19

Bill Goodling

✓ Has a written non-discrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.

✓ Supported inclusion of sexual orientation in the Hate Crimes Statistics Act

✓ "Federal healthcare benefits should not discriminate against home care and outpatient services when proven to be as effective and economical."

✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognitionof same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.

✖ Voted against maintaining federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.

✖ Voted against increasing funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.

✖ Voted to repeal the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.

✖ Voted to prohibit immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.

✖ Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.

✖ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs with "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

✖ "I will not support policies which would give any one group unwarranted, preferntial treatment over others."

Francis Workley I

✓ "I am against discrimination."

No data or response – : Scott Chronister

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Goodling	✖	✖✖	0	✖✖	✖	✖

US Congress - District 20

Frank Mascara

✓ Voted to retain the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.

✓ Voted to increase funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.

✖ Voted to eliminate federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.

- ✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.
- ✖ Declined to issue a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.

Mike McCormick

- ✖ Has strong ties to anti–lesbigay, radical right–wing Christian Coalition. Among other things, he has helped them purchase a satellite dish. The Christian Coalition actively supported McCormick in his previous bid for Congress as well.
- ➠ The local LGLV chapter met with Mc Cormick briefly at his request. He declined to complete the questionnaire, and in fact declined to specify what his positions were on our issues. He did say, however, that there were differences between League positions and his positions.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
Mascara	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB	0
McCormick	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

US Congress - District 21

Phil English

- ✓ Voted to retain the D.C. Domestic Partnership Act.
- ✓ Voted to increase funds for the Housing for People with AIDS program.
- ✓ Has a written nondiscrimination policy including sexual orientation for employment in his office.
- ✖ Voted to eliminate federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV.
- ✖ Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and permits states not to recognize such marriages.
- ✖ Strong ties to the extreme right–wing. Anti–lesbigay activist Phyllis Schaffley has contributed to his campaign through her group, the Eagle Forum.
- ✖ Attended candidate school at the anti–lesbigay, radical right-wing Free Congress Foundation.

Ron DiNicola

- ✓ Would cosponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
- ✓ "I believe in an inclusive, nondiscriminatory society."
- ➠ "I do not feel that my marriage would be threatened by the existence of gay marriages; indeed, it is good to encourage greater commitment in couples of any sexual persuasion. I believe the recent congressional action is motivated by hypocritical, gay-bashing elements. Nevertheless, it is important to recognize that

a vast majority of Americans oppose gay marriage; I think the best route to take is that of the 450 American corporations who have created a form of domestic partnerships."

➡ On the policy of don't ask don't tell: " I think that it is the best compromise that can be reached at the moment."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Education	AIDS
DiNicola	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓
English	✖✖	✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	0

State Senate - District 21

Mary Jo White

✓ I do not believe that sexual preference should be a factor in housing, hiring or custody"

➡ "Since I am a conservative, I tend to disfavor government involvement in the private lives of citizens that is not directly related to public health or safety. I believe that competent adults have the right to make decisions concerning their lives, even if I do not necessarily agree with those decisions."

No data or response – : Robert Thomas

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
White	✓	0	✖	✖	NB	0

State Senate - District 23

Roger Madigan

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Madigan	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State Senate - District 25

Curt Bowley

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bills as a state legislator.

No data or response – : William Slocum

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Bowley	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State Senate - District 27

Edward Helfrick

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Helfrick	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State Senate - District 31

James Hoefler

✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Harold Mowery

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Hoefler	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB
Mowery	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB

State Senate - District 33

Terry Punt

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Punt	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State Senate - District 35

John Wozniak

✓ Willing to recognize same-sex relationships "something like 'common law'"

✓ "Everyone should be treated as equal members of our society; under individual responsibilities, all people should respect the health and safety of others."

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA in the PA House.

➡ Believes sexual orientation may be considered as a factor in child custody or adoption proceedings, "but that is when a court and judge should be making the decision - not the legislature."

➡ As state legislator, voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, but now indicates he will support with qualifications.

Samuel Rizzo

✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill

✓ Does not believe sexual orientation should be a factor in child-rearing decisions. "The test must be if a person can provide for the needs of the child... The goal is to have the child grow up as a contributing member of the community."

➡ Generally supports nondiscrimination issues regarding sexual orientation, but would not hire an open lesbigay person to his staff.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Rizzo	✓	✓✓	✖	✓	0	0
Wozniak	✓	0	✖	✓	✓	0

State Senate - District 37

Greg Fajt

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bills as a state legislator during a previous session.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA in the PA House.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would weaken the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Tim Murphy

➡ Did not answer the questionnaire either, but sent the following statement: "I oppose and abhor discrimination of any sort. My actions as your State Senator will be to provide equal protection under the law for all Pennsylvanians regardless of race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. However, I am not comfortable answering questions regarding hypothetical legislation without being able to review specific legislation." [Note: specific legislation was cited in the questionnaire - ed.]

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Fajt	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	✖
Murphy	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

State Senate - District 39

Allen Kukovich

✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bills as a state legislator.

✓ Has consistently been an advocate for progressive causes, such as fighting hate crimes.

➡ Though present, did not vote on the anti-same-sex marriages legislation.

No data or response – : Charles Frederickson

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Kukovich	✓	✓	0	✓✓	NB	✓

State Senate - District 41

Patrick Stapleton

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – 🐘: George Kepple

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Stapleton	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State Senate - District 43

Jay Costa, Jr. 🐴

✓ Implemented a nondiscrimination policy which included sexual orientation as the Register of Wills

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA. He explained his vote by saying "It's for the social good".

Kathy Matta 🐘

✓ "The truth about AIDS – how you get it and the fatality of the illness - should be a priority in education policies."

✓ "We should have more AIDS awareness updates throughout the school year and on television."

✓ "Frankly, many Americans have a lot to learn about family values from the gay community."

✓ Has been an outspoken supporter of lesbigay rights since 1992.

✓ "I will protect your lifestyle with every vote I make."

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Costa, Jr.	✓	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB
Matta	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓

State Senate - District 45

Albert Belan 🐴

✓ Cosponsored a bill to help pay health insurance premiums for HIV+ people.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – 🐴: Dick Reid

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Belan	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	✓

State Senate - District 47

Gerald La Valle 🐴/🐘

✓ Cosponsored a bill to help pay health insurance premiums for HIV+ people.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
La Valle	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	✓

No data or response – : George Kepple

Candidate Rating Table						
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Candidate Rating Table						
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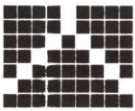

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State Senate - District 49

Anthony Buzz Andrezeski

- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bills.
- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Jane Earll

- ✓ When running for District Attorney, promised to publicly endorse the Hate Crimes Bills.
- ✓ "Discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodations or education is wrong and should not be tolerated. I would support efforts to prohibit such discrimination."
- ✓ Has campaigned in Erie's Lesbigay community by attending community functions.
- ✓ Has openly lesbigay volunteers on her campaign.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Andrezeski	NB	NB	NB	✓✓	NB	✓
Earll	✓	0	✖	✓	0	✓

State House - District 1

Linda Bebko-Jones

- ✓ "Sexual orientation should be included in the PA Human Relations Act."
- ✓ "I would support a marriage equivalent for same sex couples."
- ✓ "My personal opinion is that both public and government education must be brutally frank about the disease [AIDS] and how it is spread. That means we must talk openly about 'safe' sex and the reality of drug use... Both unsafe sex and drug use are a reality in today's world and we need to deal with that reality."
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Bebko-Jones	✓✓	✓✓	✖	✓	✓✓	✓

State House - District 2

Italo Cappabianca

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session.
- ➡ The major determining factor in custody decisions should be the love and care the parent can provide the child. Sexual orientation should be a lesser consideration."
- ➡ "From my perspective, the laws against discrimination based upon race, religion, sex, national origin, or age do apply equally to discrimination based upon social, political, or sexual orientation. No one who discriminates against another, in any of those categories of concern, is above the law."
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Bradley Roae

- ✖ "There are dozens of factors that need to be reviewed when deciding [child] custody... sexual orientation needs to be factored in... I want to do what's best for the child. A judge should not give custody to one parent just because the other is gay. However, if all... factors are the same... and one person was gay, the other parent should get the kid."
- ✖ On same-sex marriage: "If they want to live together, that is OK with me, they don't need a special law to do that."
- ➡ "I don't know much about [policies for the care and treatment of People with AIDS]. If elected, I would ask for input from the gay community since many gays have AIDS."
- ➡ "I will hire the best qualified people available. I will not ask people if they are gay."
- ➡ "My own morals, values, and religion tells me that it is wrong to be gay. We feel different about this, but I respect you for your own morals, values, and religion."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Cappabianca	✓	NB	✖	✓	NB	NB
Roae	✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖	✖✖	✓

State House - District 3

Karl Boyes

- ✓ Although he voted against the Hate Crimes Bill previously, he has since indicated he will support it.
- ✓ Has provided LGLV with information on bills, a HIV legal handbook produced by PA Bar Association and the PA medical society, and has consulted LGLV on AIDS-related legislation.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Boyes	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	✓✓

State House - District 4

Tom Scrimenti

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Sandra Hughes

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Scrimenti	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 5

Bill Knupp

✓ "I believe that as a society, we should be more understanding of each other. All people should be able to live happy and productive lives, free of government intrusion and free from bias."

✓ Would hire an openly lesbigay person "If the best qualified, but it wouldn't occur to me to ask. That 'asking' could be deemed as 'discrimination'."

✖ "The dictionary defines marriage as an act uniting a man and a woman. As a Christian, I support this definition, though any two people can be married in their hearts."

No data or response – : Tracy Seyfert

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Knupp	✓	✓	✖	✓✓	✖	✓

State House - District 6

Teresa Brown

✖ Has ties to radical militia groups, such as those who bombed the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. These groups are known to be not only racist, but anti-lesbigay.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Ray Kuzmich

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Brown	✖	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	✖✖

State House - District 7

Michael Gruitza

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Mike Pearce

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Gruitza	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 8

Howard Fargo

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, and actively opposed it by speaking against it during the debate on the House floor.
- ✖ "I believe it is wrong to do anything legislatively to promote sexual perversion."
- ✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

No data or response – 🐴: James Coulter

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Fargo	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 9

Chris Sainato 🐴/🐘

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Sainato	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 10

Frank LaGrotta 🐴/🐘

- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
LaGrotta	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 11

Guy Travaglio 🐴

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – 🐘: Cindy McKnight

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Travaglio	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 12

Pat Carone 🐘

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ➡ Said she does not respond to questionnaire anymore, because after taking positions on issues in the past, she has changed her mind as the result of receiving new information. However, she welcomes the opportunity to meet with constituents and organizational representatives to discuss issues. "I welcome persuasive arguments."

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Carone	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 14

Michael Veon

✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act

✓ Has supported increased state funding for AIDS.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Matthew Heidorn

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Veon	NB	NB	✖	✓✓	NB	✓

State House - District 15

Nick Colafella

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Cosponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

Robert Morgan

➡ Did not respond to the questionnaire. Rather, he sent a letter stating "I want you to know that I shall welcome any and all groups into my office to discuss in detail questions on legislation or any other matter that is of a concern to them."

Gordon Johnston I

✓ Supports legal recognition domestic partnerships for same-sex couples.

✖ Does not support same-sex marriage because "our Judeo-Christian Culture has defined marriage"

✖ Feels sexual orientation should influence custody, adoption and foster care decisions because "parents have a marked influence on their children."

➡ "I believe personally that homosexual behavior is immoral, but a homosexual is a child of God who needs love, compassion, and understanding (and especially prayers)"

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Colafella	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖
Johnston	0	✖	✖	NB	0	✓
Morgan	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

Susan Laughlin

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Has supported increased state funding for AIDS programs.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Laughlin	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	0

State House - District 17

No data or response – : Kenneth Ammann; : Rod Wilt

State House - District 19

Bill Robinson

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Mark Brentley, Sr.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Robinson	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	✓

State House - District 20

Don Walko

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Charles Stutler L

- ➡ Has in the past indicated general supportiveness

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Walko	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB
Stutler	NB	✓	NB	✓	✓	NB

State House - District 21

Frank Pistella

- ✓ Voted against prohibiting legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crime Bills.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✓ "Our society and government must reflect the urgency of the [AIDS] crisis with the greatest possible increases in financial support, higher state and national prioritizing, and more human treatment of people with AIDS."

✓ "Our society and government must reflect the urgency of the [AIDS] crisis with the greatest possible increases in financial support, higher state and national prioritizing, and more human treatment of people with AIDS."

✓ Opposes the Ridge Administration's proposal to reduce funding for the AIDS Special Pharmaceuticals Benefits Program by 28%. Ridge justifies the cut by noting that the fund had a surplus in the last fiscal year. Pistella notes, however, that the effort to let the public know of this program was not done well, and that it was underutilized. Additionally, he notes, recent approval of new drugs by the FDA can be expected to increase the cost of the program. Therefore, he feels funding should be increased to at least the 1996-96 levels.

✓ "[AIDS] education and treatment programs should be expanded to the limits of funding availability. Unnecessarily limited government outlays are short-sighted. AIDS is a major societal emergency which will continue to affect us well into the next century, whether or not a 'cure' is found. As a case in point, treatment-related tuberculosis, which has been associated with AIDS, is itself evolving into an epidemic."

✓ "Lesbians and gays should be afforded the same civil rights and legal protections due every citizen. My record is clear and consistent throughout my 16 year legislative career in terms of cosponsoring and voting on relevant legislation. Lesbian and gay people in my district have supported me in the past, and continue to do so."

No data or response – : Joseph Galda, Jr.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Pistella	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓

State House - District 22

Frank Gigliotti

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Currently cosponsoring a bill designed to gut the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Edwin Fruit S

✓ "An individual's sexual orientation should not be the basis for discrimination."

No data or response – : John Mazzie;

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Fruit	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓	3
Gigliotti	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	0

State House - District 23

Ivan Itkin

✓ Voted against prohibiting legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.
- ✓ Noting the underutilization and declining budget of the AIDS Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program, says "As more effective drugs become available, the state should be preparing to expand, not shrink, the valuable program."
- ✓ "I support state governmental protection of individual civil rights, antidiscrimination laws, and strong AIDS prevention and treatment programs. I am always ready to oppose discriminatory restrictions in state and local laws."
- ✓ "I oppose the restriction of citizens' rights based solely on their sexual orientation."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Itkin	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓

State House - District 24

Joseph Preston

- ✓ Voted against prohibiting legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✓ Cosponsor and previous prime sponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.
- ✓ Has advised and assisted lesbigay advocates on relevant issues.
- ✓ Has actively lobbied colleagues on behalf of the lesbigay community.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Preston	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓

State House - District 25

Joseph Markosek

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Markosek	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 27

Thomas Petrone

- ✓ Although he voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, he has since indicated that he supports and would vote for it.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Robert Benson

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Petrone	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	0

State House - District 28

No data or response – 🐴: Michael Smith; 🐘: Jane Orie; **R** : William Baierl

State House - District 29

David Mayernik 🐴

✓ Although he voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, he has since indicated that he supports and would vote for it.

✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

➠ "It is generally not my policy to answer questionnaires."

No data or response – 🐘: David Alberti

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Mayernik	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	✓

State House - District 30

Jeffrey Habay 🐘 ☠

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Has been identified with religious political extremist groups such as the Christian Coalition.

No data or response – 🐴: Tom Sunday

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Habay	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖

State House - District 32

Anthony DeLuca 🐴

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ In every session, introduces legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

John Czolba 🐘

✖ "Children should not be exposed to same sex orientation because they will be influenced[sic] that it is a morally acceptable practice"

✖ "Marriage in my view is one of the 7 sacraments of my religion and my religious and moral beliefs do not condone same sex orientation or marriage."

➠ "I do not condone same sex orientation, but I do respect the constitutional rights of persons with same sex orientation."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Czolba	✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖	✖	✓
DeLuca	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 33

Frank Dermody

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Pat Dolan

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Dermody	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 34

Ronald Cowell

✓ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ "I would consider very positively any proposed increase" in the state AIDS budget.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

➠ While he does not support same sex marriage, he supports a legal equivalent which would "probably" include all the usual benefits associated with civil marriage.

No data or response – : Gary English

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Cowell	✓	✓	✖	✓✓	✓	✓

State House - District 35

Tom Michlovic

✓ Voted against prohibiting legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.

✓ Supports legal recognition of same–sex couples.

✓ Has been a leader in the House on HIV/AIDS support and services.

✓ Has worked closely with the AIDS Community in Southwestern PA and with the statewide PA Coalition of AIDS Service Organizations to present proposals to shape PA's AIDS policies.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Michlovic	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓

State House - District 36

Harry Readshaw

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Readshaw	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 38

Richard Olasz

✖ Cosponsored bill to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

✖ Was observed after the defeat of the Hate Crimes Bill in 1990 prancing around with his legs together and lisping "there's 80 on the loose in here" (there were 80 votes in favor of the bill).

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

No data or response – : Joseph Cenname

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Olasz	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 39

David Levdansky

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : David Singleton

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Levdansky	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	✓

State House - District 40

Albert Pettit

✖ Cosponsored bill to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Thomas Kovach

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Pettit	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 41

Ralph Kaiser

✓ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Cosponsoring a bill which weakens the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Kaiser	✓	NB	✖	NB	NB	0

State House - District 42

Coleen Vuono

✓ When running for County Commissioner, Vuono openly reached out to the lesbigay community.

No data or response – : Tom Stevenson

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Vuono	✓	NB	✓	✓	NB	✓

State House - District 44

No data or response – : Andrew McGraw; : John Pippy

State House - District 45

Fred Trello

✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Cosponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

Jack Youngblood

➡ "Even though I'm not familiar with all issues, everybody has basic rights that shouldn't be violated no matter what."

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Trello	NB	NB	✖	✓✓	NB	✖✖
Youngblood	✖	✓	✓	0	✓	✏

State House - District 46

Victor Lescovitz

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ "I do not believe that anyone should discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. However, I would not support an affirmative statement amending the law to contain this prohibition."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Lescovitz	✖✖	NB	✖	✖	✖	NB

State House - District 47

Leo Trich

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session, and has said he will again.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ➡ "I am a moderate by nature, and... I would continue to review *all* laws with an open mind."

No data or response – : William Haynes

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Trich	✓	✖	✖	✓✓	✓	✓

State House - District 48

Anthony Colaizzo

- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Colaizzo	NB	NB	✖	✖	NB	0

State House - District 49

Peter Daley

- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bills.
- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

- ✖ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.
- ✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Daley	NB	NB	✖	✓✓	NB	✖✖

State House - District 50

Bill DeWeese

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session.
- ✓ Supports legal recognition of lesbigay relationships.
- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ➠ Though present, did not vote on the anti-same-sex marriages legislation.

Lynda Bush

- ✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, public accommodations, education, and public housing. She would exempt privately owned housing from this law, however.
- ✓ "We need faster drug approval because people with AIDS don't have time to wait for the FDA's long approval times."
- ✖ Does not support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act because she believes "there is no way to distinguish sexual orientation."
- ✖ Believes an applicant's sexual orientation should be grounds to deny or influence their opportunity to adopt a child. "I think the role model of a mother and father are needed to give an adopted child the support they need throughout their entire life."
- ✖ Believes health insurance providers should be able to raise rates based on sexual orientation "just as they do already with people who smoke."
- ✖ "People have the freedom to choose the life style they want. I don't believe anyone has the right to judge these choices. When we make these choices, we must be ready to accept the consequences of our actions. This includes smoking, drug abuse, promiscuity (homosexual and heterosexual), crime, and negligence."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Bush	0	✖✖	✖	✖	✖	✓
DeWeese	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓✓

State House - District 51

Larry Roberts

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ➠ "I do not have any prejudices toward gays or lesbians. However, I do believe that most Americans are prejudiced. Especially in my area, where the typical male/

female relationship is normal and considered normal. Anything else here is considered abnormal."

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Roberts	0	✓	✖✖	✖	✖	✖

State House - District 52

James Shaner

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Richard Brown

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Shaner	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 54

Terry Van Horne

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in a previous session.

✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Van Horne	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	✓

State House - District 55

Joseph Petrarca

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Robert Long

✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, but does not support amending the Human Relations Act to add sexual orientation.

✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Believes an applicant's sexual orientation should be grounds to deny or influence their opportunity to adopt a child or become a foster parent because the "lifestyle chosen was not to have children."

✖ Does not support the HIV Confidentiality Law.

➡ Does not support same-sex marriage, but would support a legal equivalent.

➡ "I sincerely answered all your questions. I welcome dialogue on areas we do not agree."

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Long	✓	✖	✖	✓	0	✖
Petrarca	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 56

No data or response – 🐴: James Casorio; 🐘: Lawrence Wojcik

State House - District 57

Thomas Tangretti 🐴

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – 🐘: Joseph Kostelnik

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Tangretti	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	NB

State House - District 58

Herman Mihalich 🐴

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Mihalich	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	✖

State House - District 59

Jess Stairs 🐘/🐴

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Stairs	✖	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 60

Timothy Pesci 🐴

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Paul Wass

✖ In a previous campaign, Wass said "I wouldn't think of filling that thing [LGLV questionnaire] out!" and then slammed down his phone.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Pesci	NB	NB	✖	✓	NB	NB
Wass	✖✖	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 62

Sara Steelman

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

➠ Has expressed general support in the past, but has not responded to recent inquiries nor made any specific commitments.

Richard Gallo

✓ Believes discrimination is wrong and that all people are entitled to equal protection.

✓ Would support the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Specifically would extend invitation lesbigay community members to meet with him.

✖ On same-sex marriages: "it is against nature and God to be sexually active that way - living together is your business, but government does not have to acknowledge that."

✖ Strongly opposes any possibility of allowing same sex couples to adopt or foster parent. Also states that in a divorce, child custody should go to "a parent who is responsible with their sexual orientation" - implying that homosexuality is irresponsible.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Gallo	✓	✖	✖✖	✓	0	✓
Steelman	0	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 63

Shirley Hager

✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Would cosponsor an equal rights bill.

✓ Supports same-sex marriage, or a legal equivalent.

➠ "Do not become militant–obnoxious–arrogant about coming 'out of the closet'"

No data or response – : Fred McInhattan; **C**: Janet Serene

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Hagar	✓✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	0

State House - District 64

Scott Hutchinson

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Hutchinson	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 65

Jim Lynch

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Shelia Brooker

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Lynch	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 66

Sam Smith

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

James Allen Fillhart I

✓ Would vote for the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Believes the government has the right to regulate private sexual behavior between consenting adults

✖ Would emphasize abstinence for AIDS education

✖ "I would decrease the amount of funding on AIDS and give it to people who have diseases that were unavoidable."

✖ "I would not be the ideal candidate for your organization. I will vote against your cause 99% of the time, but I do thank you for the chance to be included" in the Guide."

No data or response – : Peter Pape

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Fillhart	✖	✖✖	✖	*0*	✖✖	✖✖
Smith	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 67

Kenneth Jadlowiec

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Jadlowiec	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 68

Matthew Baker /

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Baker	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 69

William Lloyd, Jr.

✓ Generally supports nondiscrimination issues regarding sexual orientation. "Each individual should be judged on his or her own merits."

✓ Would permit insurers to develop lesbigay domestic partnership coverage, and would not allow sexual orientation alone to be a basis for coverage or premium increases.

✓ Suggests evenhanded government AIDS policies. "AIDS can be an illness regardless of person's sexual orientation."

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

➡ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill in the past, but will consider supporting if convinced that penalties for bias-motivated crimes are evenly applied to all people protected under the Ethnic Intimidation Act.

No data or response – : Bob Bastian

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Lloyd, Jr.	0	0	✖✖	0	✓	0

State House - District 71

No data or response – : Edward Wojnaroski; : Herbert Pfuhl

State House - District 72

Tom Yewcic

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Cosponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response – : Frank Alt

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Yewcic	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	✖

State House - District 73

Gary Haluska

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Dennis Bailey

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Haluska	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 74

Camille George /

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
George	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 75

Dan Surra

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

No data or response – : Victor Straub

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Surra	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	✖✖

State House - District 76

Mike Hanna

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

No data or response – : Jim Rogers

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Hanna	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 77

Lynn Herman

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

➡ Saying he "reviewed with great interest your questionnaire", he declined to

answer it, claiming he could not take a position on specific legislation because it can change as it moves through the General Assembly. However, the majority of questions asked about the candidate's positions on issues, not specific bills.

➡ "My legislative office door is always open to hear my constituents' views on legislation which affects them."

No data or response – 🐎: Scott Conklin

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Herman	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 78

John Fair 🐴

✓ Supports domestic partnership, but not marriage, for same sex couples.

✓ Would support the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Generally supports nondiscrimination issues regarding sexual orientation, but would not personally hire an "openly gay person."

✖ Considers sexual orientation a legitimate factor against child-rearing: "some openly gay people exhibit the wrong behaviors... excessive affection demonstrated between same sex individuals and other related actions."

✖ Would allow insurers to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation

Dick Hess 🐎

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Fair	✓	✖	✖	✓	✖	NB
Hess	✖	NB	✖✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 79

Richard Geist 🐎/🐴

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Geist	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 80

Jerry Stern 🐎

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ As Prothonotary, refused to file a cohabitation agreement and Statement of Marriage to a same-sex couple.

- ✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

No data or response – 🐎: John Harker

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Stern	✖	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	✖✖

State House - District 81

Larry Sather 🐎

- ✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Sather	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 82

Daniel Clark 🐎

- ✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response – 🐎: Damien Henry

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Clark	NB	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 83

Thomas Dempsey 🐎

- ✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Dempsey	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 84

Brett Feese 🐎

- ✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ On whether sexual orientation should be a factor in child custody decisions: "Sexual orientation should be a factor which the court is entitled to consider."

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Feese	✖✖	✖✖	✖✖	0	0	0

State House - District 85

Russ Fairchild

✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Fairchild	NB	NB	✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 86

Phil Drumheiser

✓ Supports the legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✓ Would cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Allan Egolf

✖ Introduced legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

Candidate Rating Table

Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Drumheiser	✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓
Egolf	NB	NB	✖✖	NB	NB	✖✖

State House - District 89

Jeffrey Coy

✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

✖ Cosponsored legislation which would have repealed significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law, weakening laws regarding non–consensual HIV testing, HIV test result disclosure, and confidentiality safeguards.

No data or response – : Timothy Bittle

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Coy	NB	NB	✖✖	✖✖	NB	✖✖

State House - District 90

Patrick Fleagle

- ✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Fleagle	NB	NB	✖✖	✖✖	NB	NB

State House - District 91

Stephen Maitland

- ✖ Cosponsored legislation to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.
- ✖ Expressed negative sentiments during on the Hate Crimes Bills in Harrisburg.

No data or response – : Larry Feeser

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Maitland	NB	NB	✖✖	✖	NB	NB

State House - District 171

Keith Bierly

- ✓ "I was district justice for approximately 12 years and I was fully committed against any type of a criminal behavior which targeted a group for violence, threats, or intimidation."

No data or response – : Kerry Benninghoff

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Bierly	✖	NB	0	✖	NB	NB

State House - District 193

Steven Nickol

- ✖ Voted to prohibit legal recognition of same-sex marriages in PA.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Marriage	Violence	Benefits	AIDS
Nickol	NB	NB	✖	NB	NB	NB

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